

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for setting a licensing policy of using at least one a digital product by a plurality of users of an organization, comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~conducting a tolerant, first~~ implementing via a Licensing Management Server (LMS) a licensing policy that authorizes use of the digital product, based on at least one usage parameter, for the use of the at least one digital product by a plurality of users during a trial period;

(b) monitoring the at least one parameter of said use by the LMS during said trial period; and

(c) ~~implementing, only by the plurality of users, and by utilizing at least one optimization method~~ automatically updating the licensing policy by the LMS based on said monitoring of said at least one parameter to authorize use of the digital product by no more than a number N of users after the trial period. , a second licensing policy that is less tolerant than said first licensing policy;

~~wherein at least one of said conducting, said monitoring and said implementing is effected at least in part via a licensing server.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of monitoring includes collecting at least one sample of said at least one parameter, and wherein said step of implementing updating includes evaluating the ~~performance of said first licensing policy~~ usage of the digital product based on said at least one sample.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising steps of, in at least one loop, re-evaluating said ~~second~~ licensing policy based on at least one more sample, and optimizing automatically updating said ~~second~~ licensing policy according to said re-evaluation.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said first licensing policy comprises at least one rule being less restrictive than a corresponding rule of said second licensing policy~~ the number N is less than the number of users that used the digital product during the trial period.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~first~~ licensing policy includes free usage of the ~~at least one~~ digital product during said trial period.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one parameter is selected from a group consisting of a time count and a run count.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said time count is selected from the group consisting of the time of posting of a request for a license, the time a license is in use by one of the users, and the average time one of the users has to wait in a licensing queue until a license is issued.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said run count is selected from the group consisting of the number of times licenses have been issued, the number of times a license has been requested, and the number of times one of the users gave up requesting a license.

9. Canceled.

10. Canceled.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of users is defined automatically.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~plurality of users is~~ N users are selected from the group consisting of: the first N users that invoked said product

during a ~~first predefined the trial~~ period, the first N users that used said product for at least a predetermined duration during a ~~predefined the trial~~ period, and a combination thereof.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising ranking each user from among the plurality of users, and issuing a license to the user having the highest rank among the users waiting in a licensing queue.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein the rank of a user waiting in a licensing queue is upgraded according to the waiting time of said user in said queue.

15-22. Canceled

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said first licensing policy is an unrestricted licensing policy~~ the number of users authorized during the trial period is no less than the number of users in the organization.

24. Canceled.

25. Canceled.

26. (New) A method of establishing a plurality of individuals as licensed users of a digital product comprising:

providing a digital product for use by a plurality of users and a pool of software licenses managed via a License Management Server (LMS) for licensed use of the digital product during a trial period;

monitoring, by the LMS, the licensed use of the digital product by users during the trial period; and

after the trial period, maintaining by the LMS only licenses for the licensed use of the digital product by the first N monitored users of the digital product.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the number N of first monitored users equals the number of software licenses in the license pool during the trial period.

28. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising an administrator redistributing, using the LMS, at least one of the licenses from at least one of the N first monitored users to at least one user that was not among the N first monitored users.